[English]

**Loans from International Markets without Permission of Government**

6008. PROF. ASHOK ANAND RAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings, State Governments and Financial Institutions can taken loans from the international market without the prior permission of the Central Government or Reserve bank of India;

(b) if so, the guidelines being followed in this regardl; and

(c) the number and names of beneficiaries which have so far availed of this facility during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Export of Unpolished Granite Stone**

6009. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that huge quantum of granite stone is being quarried from hills in the country for export purposes;

(b) if so, whether these activities are likely to affect the ecology of the country;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to take steps to prevent the export of unpolished granite stones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Granite mining is being carried out in consonance with various provisions of Minor Mineral concession Rules of States and the laws relating to environmental protections.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal to ban export of unpolished granite stones.

**Rediscounting of Export Bills of Small Scale Units**

6010. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by the Exim bank under the scheme 100% funding support to commercial bank through rediscounting of export bills of small scale units during 1990-91 and 1991-91; and

(b) the number of small scale units benefited under the scheme during the above period in each state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount of financial assistance provided by the Exim Bank under the funding support to commercial banks through discounting of export bills of small scale units during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is given below: